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COUNTRY Eastern Germany REPORT NO. 25X1

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

EVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 15 September to 2 October 1952

DATE OBTAINED 23 October 1952

REFERENCES 25X1

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1. Troop trains identified from Forst Zinna to Gross-Beinitz on 25 September included: a train of 6 boxcars and 22 flatcars from Forst Zinna to Gross-Beinitz on 25 September; a train of 2 boxcars and 12 flatcars, from Satzborn to Eldersleben; and a train of 16 boxcars and 38 flatcars from Neustrelitz to Wildpark, on 28 September. (1)

2. the following empty cars were to be made available between 27 September and 1 October:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Receiving Station</u>
27 September	58 boxcars and 46 flatcars	Rathenow
	22 boxcars and 31 flatcars	Cottbus
28 September	4 boxcars and 18 flatcars	Prennitz
	2 boxcars and 20 flatcars	Nennhausen
29 September	49 flatcars	Pankow
	21 boxcars and 30 flatcars	Wusternmark
30 September	29 gondola cars and 25 flatcars	Cottbus
	7 boxcars and 78 flatcars	Erfurt
	354 flatcars and 50 RRY-type (80 tons) flatcars	Weissenfels

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1 October 420 flatcars Weissenfels (2)

25X1³ [redacted] the following loaded special trains left the
 25X1 6th Subdistrict of the Berlin railroad district: a train of 45 gondola cars,
 25X1 7 boxcars and 4 flatcars for Angermuende on 27 September; a train of 52 cars for
 25X1 Oranienburg, and a train of 53 cars for Rostock, on 30 September.

4. On 21 September, [redacted] the Erfurt railroad district headquarters
 25X1 has been responsible for VP transportation records since 10 September. [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] some VP tank shipments were dispatched by rail to Ohrdruf
 25X1 between 15 and 20 September, and that other VP shipments would leave for
 Ohrdruf in the near future.

5. Troop trains [redacted]
 on 1 and 2 October included:

Date in October	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
1	10 boxcars and 30 flatcars	Magdeburg railroad district	Rathenow
	37 boxcars and 16 empty boxcars	Insterburg	Eberswalde
2	7 converted boxcars, 4 boxcars and 47 flatcars	Mahlwinkel	Prennitz (?)
	53 converted boxcars	Rossen	Cottbus
	16 boxcars and 14 empty boxcars	Frankfurt/Oder	Buckau Prensdorf

6. The following numbers of Soviet military personnel [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] aboard leave trains between 22
 and 25 September:

Date in September	To Brest Litovsk	From Brest Litovsk
22	190 and 220	200 and 200
23	200 and 210	190 and 220
24	220 and 200	210 and 200
25	230 and 230	220 and 210

25X1 [redacted] Comments.

- (1) The troop train from Forst Zinna to Gross Behnitz possibly carried a unit of the Third Gds Mecz Army. The units loaded on the troop trains from Patzkorn and Neustrelitz cannot be identified.
- (2) The railroad cars assembled at Rathenow, Prennitz, Nennhausen and Wusternmark were probably earmarked for the transportation of units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army which had participated in the field exercises in the area south and east of Rathenow since about 20 September 1952. [redacted] railroad cars were to be assembled in the Erfurt railroad district on 30 September, 4 October, and on 8 October 1952. On 8 October, a total of 550 boxcars, 1,500 flatcars and 77 RYME-type flatcars were to be made available. [redacted]

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is believed that, between 30 September to 1 October 1952, some units of the Eighth Gds Army returned from the troop training grounds temporarily to their home stations, and were then redispached for the large fall maneuvers on 8 October 1952 together with other units from the troop training grounds.

- 25X1 (1) The transportation of troops from the Magdeburg railroad district and from Hohlwinkel on 1 and 2 October 1952 is the first indication that the field exercises of units of the Third Shock Army, which had been concentrated in the area of Letzling Heath and east, had terminated on about 1 October 1952.
- 25X1 (2) The troop train [REDACTED] transported about 1,000 recruits from Insterburg to Eastern Germany. The troop train [REDACTED] carried about 1,500 discharges to be repatriated on 2 October 1952. It is believed that this train was redispached from Cottbus to the U.S.S.R.

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